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**APPOINTMENT OF ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY**

The undersigned hereby appoints Eli Zborovsky, Reg. No. 28,563 his Associate Attorney in the captioned matter, who is authorized to prosecute the above application and take all steps in the United States Patent Office in connection therewith.

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